Right to Education

716. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government aims to achieve the goal of the 'Right to Eudcation', as per Article 45 of the Directive Principles of State Policy which were to be achieved in 1960, and remain unrealized despite the Supreme Court's judgement in the case Unnikrishna J.P. Versus State of A.P.;

(b) whether any alternative measures such as vocational training are being implemented for non academically inclined students, so as to ensure that they can earn a livelihood; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Government aims to achieve the goal of free and compulsory education for all children in the age group 6-14 years.

(b) and (c) Work Education is already one of the curricular areas at the Upper Primary stage. In addition, State Governments have been advised to introduce local crafts and livelihood skills in selected Upper Primary Schools and Education Guarantee Scheme/Alternative and Innovative Education Centres.

Withdrawal of books from NCERT syllabus

†717. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the books from NCERT syllabus have been withdrawn by Government; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Keeping in view the issues of communalization and inadequacy in history textbooks a panel of three eminent historians was constituted in June, 2004, to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

undertake a quick review of the NCERT's History text book. On the basis of the report of the said panel of historians NCERT withdrew the follwoing text books:-

(i) Unit II: *People and Society in the Ancient Period* (pp 49-140) of the Social Science Textbook for Class VI, *India and the World.*

(ii) Unit II: *People and Society in Medieval period* (pp 55-170) of the Social Science Textbook for Class VII, *India and the World.*

(iii) Unit I: *People and Society in the Modern Period* (pp 1-121) of the social Science Textbook for Class VIII, *India and the World.*

(iv) Unit I: *India in the Twentieth Century World* (pp 1-68) of the Social Science Textbook for class IX, *contemporary India.*

(v) Unit I: *Heritage of India* (pp 1-37) of the Social Science Textbook for Class X, *Contemporary India.*

(vi) *Ancient India,* A History text book for Class XI, first published in October, 2002.

(vii) *Medieval India,* A History textbook for Class XI, first published in April, 2003.

(viii) *Modern India,* A History textbook for Class XII, first published in April, 2003.

(ix) *Contemporary World History,* A History textbook for Class XII, first published in May, 2003.

Regularisation of Anganwadi assistants and workers

718. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal received from the Karnataka Government requesting for regularization of the services of Anganwadi assistants and workers; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) No, Sir.